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Grain Movement

Montana wheat shipped to out-of-state destinations during January 2008 through June 2008 was 56.4 million bushels, which is down 12 percent from the previous year.

Ninety-two percent of wheat shipped during this period headed west, totaling 52.0 million bushels, down 12 percent

from the previous year. Movements to eastern destinations during this period totaled 2.4 million bushels, down 10 percent from a year ago. Other and unknown destination shipments totaled 2.0 million bushels, down from 2.7 million bushels a year ago.

Wheat shipped by rail amounted to 54.7 million bushels, 97 percent of total shipments. Wheat trucked during this period was 1.7 million bushels compared with 2.0 million bushels last year. The percentage of wheat shipped by truck was 3 percent of the total, which is unchanged from the previous year.

Montana barley shipped to out-of-state destinations during the January 2008 to June 2008 period was 4.6 million bushels,

down 34 percent from the same period last year.

Shipments of barley out of Montana headed for western destinations were up 9 percent from the same period last year, at 2.0 million bushels. Shipments to eastern destinations decreased from 4.2 million bushels last year to 1.3 million bushels this year. Shipments to other destinations increased from 1.0 million bushels last year to 1.4 million bushels this year.

Barley shipped by rail amounted to 4.4 million bushels, down 2.4 million bushels from last year. Barley hauled by rail was 96 percent of total movement, compared with 97 percent last year.

Wheat and Barley Shipments out of Montana from January 2008 through June 2008 1/

	Barley	Durum Wheat	Hard White Wheat	Soft White Wheat	Spring Wheat	Winter Wheat	Total Wheat
Shipments By Truck	(Reported in Thousands of Bushels)						
West	86	61	3	--	467	666	1,197
East	97	38	--	7	7	--	52
Other & Unknown	--	3	--	--	135	290	428
Total Shipments by Truck	183	102	3	7	609	956	1,677
Shipments By Rail							
West	1,915	150	135	17	20,338	30,156	50,796
East	1,168	2,089	119	--	149	21	2,378
Other & Unknown	1,359	963	--	--	398	211	1,572
Total Shipments by Rail	4,442	3,202	254	17	20,885	30,388	54,746
Total Shipments	4,625	3,304	257	24	21,494	31,344	56,423

1/ Data is reported by commercial elevators and is expanded to represent 100% of elevator capacity.

Wheat and Barley Shipments out of Montana from January 2007 through June 2007 1/, 2/

	Barley	Durum Wheat	Hard White Wheat	Soft White Wheat	Spring Wheat	Winter Wheat	Total Wheat
Shipments By Truck	(Reported in Thousands of Bushels)						
West	117	21	5	--	320	669	1,015
East	111	246	2	1	1	14	264
Other & Unknown	12	31	--	--	395	265	691
Total Shipments by Truck	240	298	7	1	716	948	1,970
Shipments By Rail							
West	1,713	437	503	--	24,639	32,177	57,756
East	4,121	2,417	7	--	--	--	2,424
Other & Unknown	982	1,814	--	--	47	110	1,971
Total Shipments by Rail	6,816	4,668	510	--	24,686	32,287	62,151
Total Shipments	7,056	4,966	517	1	25,402	33,235	64,121

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2/ Revised.

Cash Receipts from the Sale of Principal Products and Government Payments 2006

County and District	Livestock and Livestock Products		Crops		Total Cash Receipts		Government Payments 1/	All Cash Receipts 2/	
	(000) Dols	Rank	(000) Dols	Rank	(000) Dols	Rank	(000) Dols	(000) Dols	Rank
Deer Lodge	3,865	53	1,055	54	4,920	54	99	5,019	54
Flathead	8,797	49	23,704	17	32,501	33	1,365	33,866	35
Granite	10,690	42	1,246	53	11,936	51	--	11,936	51
Lake	26,547	21	17,089	22	43,636	25	878	44,514	27
Lincoln	2,499	55	3,019	48	5,518	53	--	5,518	53
Mineral	1,082	56	270	56	1,352	56	--	1,352	56
Missoula	5,992	52	4,163	45	10,155	52	143	10,298	52
Powell	20,977	28	1,890	51	22,867	43	213	23,080	44
Ravalli	22,280	26	11,704	28	33,984	32	257	34,241	33
Sanders	9,279	48	6,507	38	15,786	46	105	15,891	48
NORTHWEST	112,008	--	70,647	--	182,655	--	3,060	185,715	--
Blaine	32,531	15	25,668	16	58,199	14	11,002	69,201	14
Chouteau	19,256	33	105,725	1	124,981	2	24,595	149,576	1
Glacier	25,104	23	33,035	12	58,139	15	8,765	66,904	15
Hill	15,414	38	80,296	2	95,710	3	22,109	117,819	3
Liberty	11,529	41	44,264	7	55,793	16	10,715	66,508	16
Phillips	38,009	8	11,606	29	49,615	18	9,110	58,725	17
Pondera	23,283	25	58,790	3	82,073	7	11,918	93,991	7
Teton	33,194	12	57,244	4	90,438	5	13,318	103,756	4
Toole	10,413	43	51,516	5	61,929	13	11,864	73,793	13
NORTH CENTRAL	208,733	--	468,144	--	676,877	--	123,396	800,273	--
Daniels	8,003	50	18,014	21	26,017	39	10,695	36,712	31
Dawson	20,217	30	23,239	19	43,456	26	6,540	49,996	23
Garfield	32,837	13	12,620	26	45,457	22	5,262	50,719	22
McCone	15,573	37	23,011	20	38,584	28	8,280	46,864	25
Richland	30,629	18	43,567	8	74,196	10	8,602	82,798	8
Roosevelt	16,416	36	29,383	14	45,799	21	11,635	57,434	19
Sheridan	12,729	39	31,181	13	43,910	24	14,754	58,664	18
Valley	40,534	7	23,658	18	64,192	12	13,042	77,234	11
NORTHEAST	176,938	--	204,673	--	381,611	--	78,810	460,421	--
Broadwater	6,527	51	15,645	23	22,172	44	2,753	24,925	42
Cascade	47,423	5	40,735	10	88,158	6	7,680	95,838	6
Fergus	55,351	3	37,305	11	92,656	4	7,357	100,013	5
Golden Valley	9,556	47	5,320	40	14,876	48	2,361	17,237	47
Judith Basin	32,558	14	14,889	25	47,447	19	3,992	51,439	21
Lewis & Clark	16,496	35	12,444	27	28,940	35	720	29,660	37
Meagher	24,423	24	2,486	49	26,909	37	805	27,714	39
Musselshell	19,546	32	4,760	43	24,306	41	2,174	26,480	40
Petroleum	9,661	46	3,908	46	13,569	49	841	14,410	49
Wheatland	20,401	29	5,750	39	26,151	38	2,357	28,508	38
CENTRAL	241,942	--	143,242	--	385,184	--	31,040	416,224	--
Beaverhead	63,578	2	10,432	31	74,010	11	542	74,552	12
Gallatin	36,108	9	40,991	9	77,099	8	3,097	80,196	10
Jefferson	10,278	44	2,223	50	12,501	50	231	12,732	50
Madison	34,295	10	10,689	30	44,984	23	812	45,796	26
Silver Bow	2,555	54	324	55	2,879	55	--	2,879	55
SOUTHWEST	146,814	--	64,659	--	211,473	--	4,682	216,155	--
Big Horn	48,709	4	27,803	15	76,512	9	4,320	80,832	9
Carbon	30,616	19	15,638	24	46,254	20	1,685	47,939	24
Park	18,805	34	6,674	37	25,479	40	824	26,303	41
Stillwater	26,012	22	8,239	34	34,251	31	3,373	37,624	30
Sweetgrass	21,144	27	1,772	52	22,916	42	221	23,137	43
Treasure	11,687	40	7,382	36	19,069	45	750	19,819	45
Yellowstone	89,865	1	45,894	6	135,759	1	6,031	141,790	2
SOUTH CENTRAL	246,838	--	113,402	--	360,240	--	17,204	377,444	--
Carter	33,590	11	4,800	42	38,390	29	1,993	40,383	29
Custer	31,931	16	9,579	33	41,510	27	1,994	43,504	28
Fallon	26,610	20	4,592	44	31,202	34	2,807	34,009	34
Powder River	31,228	17	3,260	47	34,488	30	1,054	35,542	32
Prairie	20,184	31	7,831	35	28,015	36	2,832	30,847	36
Rosebud	40,722	6	9,794	32	50,516	17	3,840	54,356	20
Wibaux	10,113	45	5,121	41	15,234	47	2,515	17,749	46
SOUTHEAST	194,378	--	44,977	--	239,355	--	17,035	256,390	--
MONTANA	1,327,651	--	1,109,744	--	2,437,395	--	275,227	2,712,622	--

1/ Payments of less than 50,000 are included in State totals.

2/ Includes estimates of inter-farm sales and intra-state sales resulting in larger total cash receipts than shown in USDA estimates on other pages.

SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2008. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2007 and 9 percent below September 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million, 3 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 2.01 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 566,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.88 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 9 percent below 2006. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 49,000 during August, 2 percent below 2007 and 17 percent below 2006.

2007 Montana and U.S. Potato Production

Montana's 2007 potato production totaled 3,696,000 cwt, 5 percent above 2006, and 7 percent above the 2005 production. Producers harvested 11,200 acres, up 7 percent from 2006 and 6 percent above 2005. Potato yields averaged 330 cwt per acre in 2007, compared with 335 cwt in 2006 and 325 cwt in 2005.

Value of production for the 2007 crop was 36.4 million, up 15 percent from 2006. The average price was 9.85 per cwt, an increase of 0.85 from the previous year's crop. Sales of Montana's 2007 potato crop totaled 32.5 million, which is 12 percent above last year. Producers sold 3,297,000 cwt from the 2007 crop compared with 3,208,000 cwt the previous year.

U.S. potato production in 2007 is revised to 447 million cwt, down 1 percent from the estimate in the January Crop Production 2007 Summary but 1 percent above the 2006 crop. Harvested area, at 1.13 million acres, increased 1 percent from 2006. The average yield of 396 cwt per acre is a record high, up 3 cwt from the previous record set in 2006.

Starting in 2007, Florida's winter potato production was combined with their spring potatoes. Therefore, winter potatoes refer to only California in 2007. Winter potato production in 2007 is 2.47 million cwt, down 45 percent from 2006. Harvested area, at 11,500 acres, is 35 percent below 2006. The average yield for winter potatoes is 215 cwt per acre, down 42 cwt from 2006. Spring potato final production for 2007 is 19.8 million cwt, slightly above the previous year. Harvested acres, at 70,200 acres, increased 4 percent from 2006. The average yield for spring potatoes of 282 cwt per acre is down 11 cwt from 2006. Summer potato production is 17.0 million cwt for 2007, 6 percent lower than 2006. Harvested area, at 51,200 acres, is down 5 percent from 2006. The average yield of 332 cwt per acre is down 5 cwt from 2006. Fall potato production is finalized at 408 million cwt for 2007, 2 percent above the 2006 crop. Area harvested in 2007 is 996,800 acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. The average yield, at 409 cwt per acre, is a record high, 3 cwt above the previous record high set in 2006.

The value of all potatoes sold in 2007, at 3.11 billion, increased 5 percent from the previous year. The average price, at 7.51 per cwt, is up 0.21 from 2006. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2007 crop totaled 414 million cwt, up 2 percent from 2006. Sales account for 93 percent of 2007 production, up slightly from the previous year.

Processors used 278 million cwt of raw potatoes from the 2007 crop, up 4 percent from 2006. Table stock sales totaled 112 million cwt, 2 percent

below the previous year. Seed sales of 22.3 million cwt are down 6 percent from 2006. Sales for livestock feed, at 1.23 million cwt, decreased 26 percent from a year earlier.

Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings totaled 53.6 million cwt in 2007, down 18 percent from the previous year. Frozen french fries and other frozen products utilized 168 million cwt of raw potatoes, which increased 12 percent from 2006. Potatoes used for dehydrating totaled 49.5 million cwt, 2 percent above 2006. Canning use, at 3.34 million cwt, is up 16 percent from the previous year. Starch, flour, and other products were made from 4.08 million cwt of potatoes, about 3 times more than in 2006.

Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 29.1 million cwt for 2007, 3 percent below 2006. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown and home use totaled 1.12 million cwt, 9 percent below the previous season. Growers kept 2.99 million cwt for seed on their own farms, 15 percent lower than a year earlier.

August Milk Production up 1.5 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2007. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from July 2007. The July revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,717 pounds for August, 2 pounds below August 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 137,000 head more than August 2007, but 3,000 head less than July 2008.

August 2008 Red Meat Production

Montana slaughter plants produced 1.8 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during August 2008, up 32 percent from August 2007, but down 2 percent from July 2008. Cattle slaughter totaled 2,000 head, up 500 head from one year ago. The average live weight increased 30 pounds from last year to 1,195 pounds.

There were 1,800 hogs slaughtered in Montana during August, up 200 head from a year ago. The average live weight, at 238 pounds, increased 2 pounds from last year. August sheep slaughter totaled 500 head, up 100 head from August 2007. The average live weight decreased 15 pounds from one year ago to 128 pounds.

U.S. commercial red meat production totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, down 5 percent from the 4.33 billion pounds produced in August 2007.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, down 7 percent from August 2007. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,284 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, 9 percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,200 head, up 21 percent from August 2007. The average live weight was

down 23 pounds from last year, at 245 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.27 million head, down 1 percent from August 2007. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 261 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was down 10 percent from August 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,700 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 3 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2008 commercial red meat production was 33.4 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 9 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

U.S. Egg Production

U.S. egg production totaled 7.55 billion during August 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2008 averaged 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. August egg production

per 100 layers was 2,252 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2008 totaled 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2008, averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from September 1, 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2008 totaled 36.3 million, down 2 percent from August 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.3 million on September 1, 2008, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 279 thousand during August 2008, up slightly from August 2007.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2008 totaled 800 million, down 3 percent from August 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 639 million on September 1, 2008, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 8.03 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2008, up 3 percent from August 2007.

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Canola Production	Cattle on Feed
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